Use of defective medical device in AIIMS

2254. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a defective medical device "bronchoscopes" was recalled from U.S. hospitals because it may have exposed hundreds of patients to dangerous bacteria;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a similar device is still being used in All India Institute of Medical Sciences;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the Government's plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences is not using Olympus Fibreoptic bronchoscope for the past nine years.

Decline in HIV/AIDS patients

2255. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of HIV/AIDS affected patients has reduced considerably in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the schemes in existence to create awareness of HIV/AIDS among the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) As per the analysis of HIV Sentinel Surveillance data 2001, it is estimated that there are 3.97 million HIV infections in the country. The estimated number of adults living with HIV in India for 1998, 1999 and 2000 were 3.5 million, 3.7 million and 3.8 million, respectively. The estimated number of added infections since the last round of surveillance is 110,000 compared with 160,000 in the previous year.